GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:162
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AUTONOMY POWERS TO CPSES
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has examined the recommendations of the Group of Experts headed by Dr. Arjun Sengupta regarding grant of more autonomy/powers to Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs);

(b) If so, the details of the recommendations which have been accepted by the Government and follow-up action taken thereon; and

(c) The details of the recommendations which have not been accepted by the Government alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of House.

Statement referred to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.162 for answer on 3.8.2006

(a) and (b) : The Ad-Hoc Group of Experts (AGE) headed by Dr. Arjun Sengupta has made various recommendations on empowerment of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). The Government has accepted some of the recommendations of AGE relating to enhancement of financial powers of Navratna, Miniratna and other profit-making CPSEs and the Office Memoranda have been accordingly issued in August`2005 itself.

(c) : Most of the remaining recommendations made by the AGE concerning Ownership issues, Audit of Government companies by Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG), Applicability of Article 12 of the Constitution, Accountability to Parliament, Vigilance management in PSEs, etc. relate to the jurisdiction of Constitutional/Parliamentary authorities, and therefore, require further in-depth analysis and deliberation.